

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Council Workshop of the North Mankato City Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on July 5, 2011. Mayor Dehen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The following were present for the meeting: Mayor Dehen, Council Members Steiner, Norland, Schindle and Freyberg, Administrator Sande, Finance Director Mork, and City Clerk Gehrke.

Possible Mankato/North Mankato Area Athletic Facility Commission

Administrator Sande presented background information concerning Minnesota Amateur Sports Commissions from other areas in the State and a proposed organizational chart of the sports organizations who would potentially be a part of the Mankato/North Mankato Athletic Facility Commission. Council Member Schindle reported the All Seasons Arena Board discussed expanding the ASA Board's function to include other sports in an effort to secure grants and funding for athletic facilities in the area. Joan Eisenreich, Community Education and Recreation Department, appeared before the Council and reported the intention of the proposed Athletic Facility Commission is to bring the entire community together in an effort to serve the greatest need for athletic facilities. The Council discussed the need to speak with the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners and representatives from Eagle Lake and Madison Lake regarding participation. Commissioner Schindle reported that in other areas of the State the business communities are involved in the funding of the athletic facilities. Administrator Sande reported the City is actively working with several sports groups at the present time regarding the plans for soccer, softball and ice facilities. Council Member Freyberg reported that lack of ice time is a common issue and the Council discussed the lack of a competitive swimming pool. Council Member Schindle will bring this item to the upcoming Council meeting requesting the Council grant the ASA Board permission to make contact with other governmental and business enterprises regarding formation of a Mankato/North Mankato Area Athletic Facility Commission.

There being no further business, the Council workshop was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk